

PATENT APPLICATION

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APPLICANT: Brian Lutz **EXAMINER:** Ching Chang
SERIAL NO.: 10/016,563 **GROUP ART UNIT:** 3748
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TITLE: VALVE ACTUATION LINKAGE MECHANISM

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Dear Sir:

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In response to the Final Office Action dated August 22, 2003 in the above captioned matter, please enter the following response.

REMARKS

1. In the above-captioned Final Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 8, 9, and 11-13. The Examiner objected to claims 4 and 16. Claims 1, 2, 7, 14, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of Mallas (U.S. Patent No. 4,850,315). Claims 3, 5, 6, 15, 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) given Mallas in view of Perez et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,273,042). These rejections are traversed and reconsideration is hereby respectfully requested.
2. Claims 1, 2, 7, 14, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of Mallas.
A) In the above-captioned Office Action, the Examiner states that Mallas' cam follower 64 is a valve bridge. Mallas makes no teachings regarding a valve bridge or any similar device. It is known in the art that a cam follower, also known as a tappet or